

AN APPEAL FOR LANGURS.

The following appeal is made to all those interested in the Mammalian fauna of Siam, for specimens, and notes on the habits, of the Langur Monkeys. The Siamese Langurs are very little known and the material at present to hand is not sufficient to permit of a thorough understanding of the relations existing between the various forms.

In the preparation of skins it should be remembered that the measurements and sex of each animal should be recorded on the label. The usual body measurements are (1) from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail; (2) from the base of the tail to the tip of same—not including any terminal tuft of hairs; and (3) the length of the hind foot.

The skulls of the various specimens should all be labelled so that they can be identified with the skins that belong to them; for this purpose the collector will find it easiest to number his specimens and never to repeat the same numbers in any subsequent collection. The skulls are best if sent home with the dried meat still on, as this prevents damage and loss of teeth. The localities of the specimens should be recorded on the label in such a manner that those less intimately acquainted with the local geography may be able to locate the various places. The altitude and date of capture are also items of considerable importance which should be entered upon the skin label.

As far as possible specimens of both sexes should be obtained, together with young individuals—so that any sexual or juvenile pelage-differences may be observed.

It is hoped shortly to publish an extensive monograph on the subject of the Langur Monkeys.

The Indian groups are now, thanks to the Bombay Natural History Society's mammal survey, well worked out; to bring our knowledge concerning the Siamese forms up to the same standard we require a much more complete series than is now available for examination.

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